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TAGS: CGEN, YO
SUBJ: ISSUANCE OF YUGOSLAV VISAS TO NATURALIZED AMERICANS

REF: ZAGREB 678

1. FSFA CONSULAR OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY THAT QUESTIONNAIRE DOES NOT REPRESENT A NEW STEP AND INDICATED THAT THE INCIDENCE OF ITS USE DEPENDS ON THE YUGOSLAV CONSUL INVOLVED, HIS WORK-LOAD, AND SO FORTH.

2. HE SAID FURTHER THAT THE CONSUL DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REFUSE A VISA ON THE BASIS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE BUT, IN HANDING IT OUT, ACTS ONLY AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT IN ITS COLLECTION OF DATA. THE FACT OF SOMEONE'S BEING GIVEN THE QUESTIONNAIRE BY A CONSUL IMPLIES NOTHING REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INDUCTION SINCE THE DECISION TO DRAFT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT ACTING AT THE "OPSTINA", OR LOCAL, LEVEL.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FSFA SPOKESMAN, THE INFORMATION IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE COULD BE OF USE TO THE "OPSTINA" IN DETER-MINING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE LIFE OF A DUAL NATIONAL WHO HAS NOT DISCHARGED HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION IS CENTERED AROUND THE U.S., I.E., WHETHER HE HAS RAISED HIS FAMILY IN THE U.S.,
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IS EMPLOYED THERE, IS ESTABLISHED IN THE U.S. COMMUNITY, ETC. THE MORE HIS LIFE APPEARS FIXED IN THE U.S., ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE LESS LIKELY HE IS TO BE DRAFTED HERE.

4. COMMENT: MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS ARE NOW USING A SYSTEMATIC METHOD TO AVOID PROBLEMS OF INDUCTING NATURALIZED AMERICAN VISITORS AND ARE EXAMINING

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SITUATIONS BEFORE ISSUING VISAS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE USE
OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS MERELY A SERVICE TO ANOTHER MINISTRY,
ANALOGOUS TO OUR OWN PROCEDURE SEVERAL YEARS AGO OF REQUESTING
U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS TO FILL OUT A FORM FOR USE BY THE IRS
REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD FILED THEIR TAX FORMS.

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